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volume, based on the volume of the polyisocyanate polyaddition products, of at least one gas (c), and/or of (e) auxiliaries and/or additives,

(iii) from 2 to 20 mm of metal.

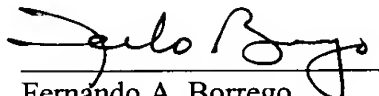
Please cancel claims 10 and 11.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request examination of the present application as amended herein. Claims 1-8 have been amended. Claims 10 and 11 have been cancelled. Upon entry of the above preliminary amendment, claims 1-9 remain pending in the application. A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached hereto in Appendix A. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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APPENDIX A

1. (amended) A composite element which has the following layer structure:
 - (i) from 2 to 20 mm of metal,
 - (ii) from 10 to 300 mm of polyisocyanate polyaddition products [obtainable by reacting] comprising the reaction product of (a) isocyanates with (b) compounds reactive toward isocyanates in the presence of at least one inorganic acid, and [also of] at least one catalyst (d),
 - (iii) from 2 to 20 mm of metal.
2. (amended) A composite element as claimed in claim 1 [in which], wherein the inorganic acid comprises phosphoric acid.
3. (amended) A composite element as claimed in claim 1 [in which], wherein said catalyst (d) comprises tertiary amines and/or metal catalysts.
4. (amended) A composite element as claimed in claim 1 [in which], wherein said compounds (b) comprises polymer polyols.
5. (amended) A composite element as claimed in claim 1 [in which], wherein said isocyanates (a) comprises MDI isocyanate components having a functionality greater than 2.
6. (amended) A composite element as claimed in claim 1 [obtainable by reaction], wherein said polyisocyanate polyaddition products are produced in the presence of from 1 to 50% by volume of gases (c).
7. (amended) A composite element as claimed in claim 1 [obtainable by reaction], wherein said polyisocyanate polyaddition products are produced in the presence of (f) blowing agents.
8. (amended) A composite element having the following layer structure:

- (i) from 2 to 20 mm of metal,
- (ii) from 10 to 300 mm of polyisocyanate polyaddition products with density from 3.0 to 1100 kg/m³ [obtainable by reacting] comprising the reaction product of (a) isocyanates with (b) compounds reactive toward isocyanates in the presence of at least one inorganic acid, (d) catalysts, and [also, where appropriate], optionally, of (f) blowing agents, and of from 1 to 50% by volume, based on the volume of the polyisocyanate polyaddition products, of at least one gas (c), and/or of (e) auxiliaries and/or additives,
- (iii) from 2 to 20 mm of metal.